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SUBJ: VISIT TO INDONESIA OF ALGERIAN EMISSARY EL GHARBIE

REF: ALGIERS 2305

1. ALGERIAN SPECIAL EMISSARY OMAR EL GHARBIE VISITED JAKARTA OCTOBER 27-31 DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO, TO WHOM HE DELIVERED A LETTER FROM BOUMEDIENNE, AND MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK AND HIS STAFF. THERE WERE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRESS MERELY NOTED THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION "ON MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD INVOLVING NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY/OIL."

2. IN MEETING NOVEMBER 5, FONDEPT AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST DIRECTORATE SECRETARIAT HEAD MARTONO KADRI TOLD POLCOUNS THAT PURPOSE OF EL GHARBIE'S VISIT WAS TO ELICIT INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING CURRENT LEVEL OF OIL PRICES AGAINST POSSIBLE EFFORTS BY SOME OTHER OPEC MEMBERS TO LOWER THEM. WHILE CO ANNT OF BOUMEDIENNE'S LETTER HAS NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO FONDEPT, EL GHARBIE HAD MADE CLEAR LETTER MADE SAME POINT. EL GHARBIE EXPLAINED
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THAT HE ONE OF SEVERAL ENVOYS BEING SENT BY BOUMEDIENNE TO

OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FORESTALL SPLIT IN OIL PRODUCERS OVER PRICING POLICIES. EL GHARBIE DID NOT MEET WITH MINING MINISTER SADLI OR OFFICIALS FROM PERTAMINA (STATE OIL COMPANY).

3. WHEN ASKED THE REACTION EL GHARBIE RECEIVED, KADRI STATED THAT GOI HAD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS VISIT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE POINTS HE WAS MAKING, BUT HAD MADE NO COMMITMENTS. INDEED, TENOR OF EL GHARBIE'S PRESENTATION WAS ONE WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE A FIRM RESPONSE.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPEAT CABLE TO INFO ADRESSEES OF REFTTEL WHEN MINIMIZE IS LIFTED.
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